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CHAPTER 344

SENATE BILL 1036

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 20-1406, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EYE MEDICAL
CARE BENEFITS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 20-1406, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 20-1406. Prohibiting denial of certain contract benefits
5 A. Notwithstanding any provision of any group disability insurance
6 contract or blanket disability insurance contract, benefits shall not be
7 denied under the contract for any medical or surgical service performed by a
8 holder of a license issued pursuant to title 32, chapter 7 or 11 or a
9 registered nurse practitioner who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter
10 15, if the service performed is within the lawful scope of such person's
11 license, and if the service is surgical, such person is a member of the staff
12 of an accredited hospital, and if such contract would have provided benefits
13 if such service had been performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant
14 to title 32, chapter 13.
15 B. If any group disability insurance contract or blanket disability
16 insurance contract provides for or offers eye MEDICAL care services, WHETHER
17 BY A NETWORK OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS OR BY THE SELECTION OF A HEALTH CARE
18 PROVIDER BY THE SUBSCRIBER, the subscriber shall have freedom of choice to
19 select either an optometrist or a physician and surgeon skilled in diseases
20 of the eye to provide the examination, care, or treatment for which the
21 subscriber is eligible and which falls within the scope of practice of the
22 optometrist or physician and surgeon. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT
23 ANY SPECIFIC OPTOMETRIST OR PHYSICIAN, OR NUMBER OR PERCENTAGE OF
24 OPTOMETRISTS OR PHYSICIANS, BE INCLUDED ON AN INSURER'S PROVIDER NETWORK.
25 Unless such A group disability insurance contract or blanket disability
26 insurance contract otherwise provides, there shall be no reimbursement for
27 ophthalmic materials, lenses, spectacles, OR eyeglasses, or appurtenances
28 thereto.
29 C. If any group disability insurance contract is written to provide
30 coverage for psychiatric, drug abuse or alcoholism services, reimbursement
31 for such THOSE services shall be made in accordance with the terms of the
32 contract without regard to whether the covered services are rendered in a
33 psychiatric special hospital or general hospital. Reimbursement for the cost
34 of the service may be made directly to the person licensed or certified
35 pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 19.1 or to the subscriber if the cost of
36 the service has not been reimbursed to another provider or health care
37 institution.

~~APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 14, 2012.~~

~~FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 14, 2012.~~

Passed the House May 3, 2012,

by the following vote: 56 Ayes,
0 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

[Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate January 19, 2012,

by the following vote: 28 Ayes,
0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

~~EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR~~

~~This Bill was received by the Governor this
_____ day of _____, 20____,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

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Secretary to the Governor~~

~~Approved this _____ day of~~

~~_____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

~~_____
Governor of Arizona~~

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~~EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE~~

~~This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
this _____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

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Secretary of State~~

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate May 3, 20 12

by the following vote: 23 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Steve Tiers
President of the Senate

Charmine Billings
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

3rd day of may, 20 12

at 8:21 o'clock P M.

Antonio L. Williams
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 14th day of

May

at 10:50 o'clock A M.

Janice K. Brewer
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 14th day of may, 20 12

at 3:21 o'clock P M.

Ken Blumett
Secretary of State